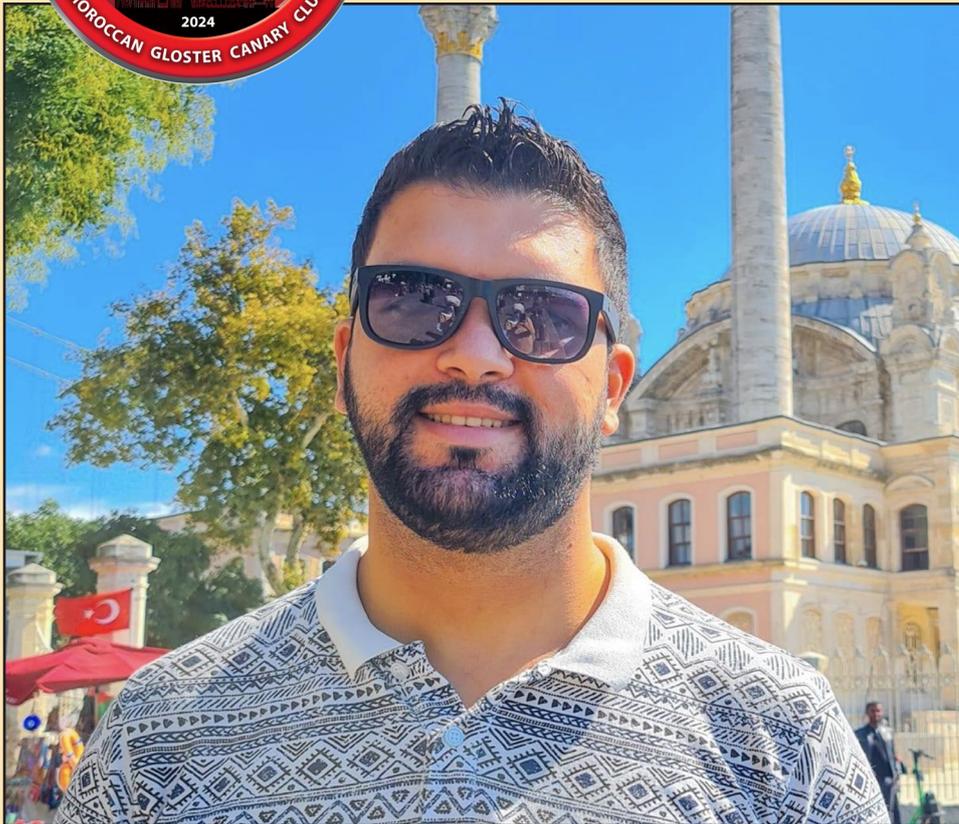




Today We Meet:

Hatim Souadka



professional level. In 2017, he specialised in Gloster Canaries, while also working with Fife Fancy Canaries, focusing on improving quality and standards within Morocco.

His dedication to the Fancy is reflected not only in his breeding results but also in his leadership roles within the Moroccan bird community. Hatim currently serves as Vice President of the Moroccan Gloster Canary Club (MGCC), Head of Show Canaries at MCK, and is also a member and advisor within CMOPE. Through seminars, breeder mentoring, and the management of online breeder groups, he actively encourages knowledge sharing and supports the development of new fanciers.

Hatim also holds an important milestone in Moroccan bird fancy history. In 2015, he became the first candidate judge for show canaries in Morocco under C.O.M., later completing his National Judge qualification in Belgium in 2019. Since then, he has judged several national competitions and continues to contribute to the development of fair and knowledgeable judging within the region.

As a competitor, Hatim has achieved numerous awards at Moroccan shows, with repeated success in the Gloster Fancy and Fife Fancy canary classes, including several champion titles and best-of-breed results.

The GFCCI believes that Hatim's enthusiasm, knowledge, and leadership will play an important role in strengthening the Gloster Fancy in North Africa and in building closer connections between Moroccan breeders and the international Gloster community.

We warmly welcome Hatim Souadka to the Council and look forward to supporting his efforts as he continues to promote excellence, education, and passion for the Gloster Fancy in Morocco and beyond.

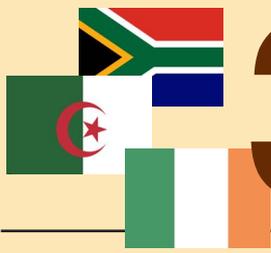
Welcoming the New Generation to the GFCCI

One of the great strengths of the Gloster Fancy today is the emergence of passionate young breeders around the world who are helping to carry the Fancy into the future. The Council is therefore very excited to welcome one such individual who is already working hard and making a great impact towards the Gloster Fancy in Morocco and North Africa.

"The Gloster Fancy Canary Council International (GFCCI) is pleased to introduce Hatim Souadka, who has recently joined the Council as the representative for Morocco".

At just 31 years of age, Hatim represents the new generation of passionate breeders who are shaping the future of the Gloster Fancy beyond its traditional borders. The Council is particularly excited about his appointment, as he is widely regarded as one of the most promising figures in Morocco's growing bird fancy community.

Hatim began his journey in the bird hobby in 2009, inspired by his older brother. His interest quickly developed into a serious commitment to breeding and showing canaries, and by 2015 he had already begun breeding show canaries at a



3 NEW Nominations Strengthen the Global Reach of the GFCCI

By Mario Zahra
GFCCI Int. Secretary

Following the publication of the second issue of the GFCCI Newsletter, the Council is pleased to report that three new nominations have been received for the appointment of councilors.

This development is particularly encouraging, as it clearly demonstrates that we are moving steadily toward one of our principal objectives — becoming a truly global organization that represents Gloster Fancy enthusiasts from all corners of the world.

Shortly after the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM), the Secretary began receiving a number of questions from members and followers, including comments such

as, “Why does our country not have a councilor?” Some even wondered whether the Council was a closed group. These reactions, however, highlight something very positive: people care, they want representation, and they want to be part of the process.

In reality, the Council has always been open to nominations, and the recent responses show that our communication efforts are beginning to bear fruit. **Our Facebook page, which now has more than 4,200 followers**, has played an important role in spreading information about the work of the Council. In addition, the launch of our new website in the near future will further improve accessibility, transparency, and communication with the global Gloster community of the Gloster Fancy in general.

The Council firmly believes that openness and clear communication are the best ways to dispel rumors and misunderstandings. It is important to remember that everyone involved in the Council works on a voluntary basis, dedicating their time and effort with a single aim:

Bringing the worldwide Gloster Fancy community closer together.

We are therefore delighted to announce the three new nominations received:

- Saad Riad – Algeria.
- Paul Evitts – South Africa.
- Anthony Dunphy – Ireland

These nominations represent another step toward ensuring that the GFCCI Council reflects the truly international nature of the Gloster Fancy.



The Council looks forward to the approval of these nominations in the near future so that the new councilors can begin contributing to the work of the organization.

With broader representation and growing global engagement, the GFCCI is steadily building a structure that allows voices from different countries to be heard, strengthening cooperation and unity within the worldwide Gloster Fancy community.

A New Judges Panel Framework Discussion to Continue at the Next GFCCI AGM

By N.J. Barrett
GFCCI Chairman

Maintaining credibility and consistency in judging is essential for protecting the integrity of the Gloster Fancy. For this reason, the Council has begun reviewing the structure and organisation of an internationally recognised Judges Panel.

One of the important items scheduled for discussion during the recent Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) was the presentation of a proposed GFCCI Judges Panel Framework. Unfortunately, due to time constraints during the meeting, this item could not be fully discussed and it was therefore agreed that it will be carried forward to the next Annual General Meeting (AGM), where it will receive the detailed consideration it deserves.

The purpose of the proposed framework is to establish a clear,

transparent, and properly accredited Judges Panel under the guidance of the Council. The proposal outlines a structured system that would define recognised judges, establish qualification standards, and ensure that judging within the Gloster Fancy maintains the highest levels of credibility and consistency.

During the meeting, it was noted that at present there are over 100 individuals recognised as judges worldwide, yet there is no single coordinated or monitored structure overseeing the overall quality, accreditation, or activity of these appointments. This situation has developed gradually over time and has led to growing concerns among many breeders regarding the consistency and credibility of judging standards.

It was also recalled that the GFCCI UK previously published an official Judges Panel list, but this practice was discontinued some years ago when concerns began to emerge regarding the

lack of a consistent and transparent system for the appointment and monitoring of judges across the Fancy.

While many judges continue to perform their role with dedication and professionalism, the absence of a recognised and structured framework has gradually created uncertainty regarding judging standards and accreditation.

The proposed Judges Panel framework therefore aims to address these issues by creating a modern and transparent structure that recognises experienced and capable judges while also encouraging new judges to develop through clear standards and guidance.

The Council believes that judging remains one of the most important pillars of the Gloster Fancy, and therefore any future system must be developed carefully, fairly, and with the long-term interests of the Fancy in mind.

Further discussion and possible adoption of the proposed framework will therefore take place at the next GFCCI Annual General Meeting.



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